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San Diego

4017 Harney Street

Old Town, San Diego

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Structure

Derby (Pendleton) House (CAL-430)

History: Built in 1851 by Juan Bandini. Lived in by George H. Derby, 1853-55, during the time he wrote, under pen name of John Phoenix and John Squibob, for the San Diego Herald introducing a form of Western humor recognized as of historical significance in the history of American literature. House purchased by George A. Pendleton in 1855 and where he lived until his death in 1871.

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Description: A small two-story frame house with a one-story addition at rear, of which a part is of adobe. Frame portion built in classic revival style of prefabricated material shipped around the Horn, with important openings arranged symmetrically.

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